

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY

International application No.

PCT/FR2005/000166

Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **language**, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
- ☐ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b))
- ☐ publication of the international application (Rule 12.4)
- ☐ international preliminary examination (Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. With regard to the **elements** of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:
- ☐ the international application as originally filed/furnished
- ☒ the description:
- pages 1-5 _____ as originally filed/furnished
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☒ the claims:
- nos. 8-12 _____ as originally filed/furnished
- nos.* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
- nos.* 1-7 _____ received by this Authority on 01.02.2006
- nos.* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☐ the drawings:
- sheets _____ as originally filed/furnished
- sheets* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- sheets* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.
3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:
- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): _____
4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).
- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): _____

* If item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."

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| Box No. V | Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement | | |
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| 1. Statement | | | |
| Novelty (N) | Claims | <u>1-12</u> | YES |
| | Claims | | NO |
| Inventive step (IS) | Claims | <u>1-12</u> | YES |
| | Claims | | NO |
| Industrial applicability (IA) | Claims | <u>1-12</u> | YES |
| | Claims | | NO |
| 2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7) | | | |
| NOVELTY AND INVENTIVE STEP | | | |
| <p>The subject matter of claims 1 to 12 of the present application can be considered novel (PCT Article 33(2)) for the following reasons:</p> <p>No prior art document discloses a conjugate linoleic acid/caffeine combination having a (conjugate linoleic acid to caffeine) weight ratio between 1 and 12.</p> <p>As the applicant further describes a synergistic effect on weight loss of the conjugate linoleic acid/caffeine association, in comparison to coffee alone or linoleic acid alone, the subject matter of claims 1 to 12 is considered inventive in accordance with PCT Article 33(3).</p> | | | |

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Supplemental Box

In case the space in any of the preceding boxes is not sufficient.

Continuation of: **Box I**

The new claims 1, 2 and 5 filed with the letter of 01/02/2006
are considered acceptable with respect to PCT Article
34(2)(b) .